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DIABETIC COMPLICATION

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Applicants submit herewith a copy of the 2nd Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office (with English translation) and a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report.

Citations in the Chinese 2nd Office Action (Chinese):

1. Current Pharmaceutical Design, 7: pp. 1375-1394, 2001
2. Jpn. J. Pharmacol. 71: pp. 315-323, 1996

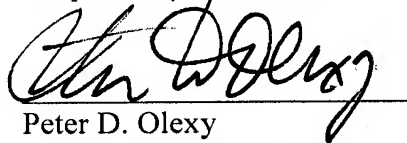
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3. Hormone and Metabolic Research, vol. 27, no. 6, 1995, pp. 263-266
4. Diabetes Metabolism Reviews, vol. 14, no. 3, 1998, pp. 207-225
5. Expert Opinion on Investigational Drugs, vol. 6, no. 8, 1997, pp. 1041-1048
6. Survey of Ophthalmology, vol. 41, no. 2, 1995, pp. 157-162
7. Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, vol. 34, 1996, pp. S73-S78

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